

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) In a distributed directory telephony system, a[[A]] digital attendant useful in association with at least one netphone, a voicemail device and a local area network, the digital attendant comprising:
 - a local area network interface configured to be coupled, via the local area network, to the at least one netphone and the voicemail device;
 - a telephony interface for coupling the at least one netphone to an external telephone system, and wherein each of the at least one netphone includes a netphone directory configured to store and to update network addresses for the digital attendant and the voicemail device, and wherein the voicemail device includes a voicemail directory configured to store and to update network addresses for the digital attendant and the at least one netphone; and
 - an attendant directory configured to store and to update network addresses for the netphone and the voicemail device.
2. (Previously Amended) The digital attendant of claim 1 wherein the telephony interface is wireless.
3. (Previously Amended) The digital attendant of claim 1 wherein the telephony interface is based on a dial-up modem protocol.
4. (Previously Amended) The digital attendant of claim 1 wherein the telephony interface is based on a cable modem protocol.
5. (Previously Amended) The digital attendant of claim 1 wherein the telephony interface is based on an ISDN protocol.

6. (Previously Amended) The digital attendant of claim 1 wherein the telephony interface is based on an xDSL protocol.
7. (Previously Amended) The digital attendant of claim 1 wherein the telephony interface is based on a VPN protocol.
8. (Previously Amended) The digital attendant of claim 1 wherein the telephony interface is based on TCP/IP protocol.
9. (Previously Amended) The digital attendant of claim 1 wherein the external telephone system is a PSTN telephone system.
10. (Previously Amended) The digital attendant of claim 1 wherein the external telephone system is a PBX telephone system.
11. (Previously Amended) The digital attendant of claim 1 wherein the local area network is based on an Ethernet protocol.
12. (Currently Amended) The digital attendant of claim 1 ~~where~~ wherein the local area network is wireless.
13. (Currently Amended) The digital attendant of claim 1 ~~where~~ wherein the netphone is coupled to an external device.
14. (Currently Amended) The digital attendant of claim 13 ~~where~~ wherein the external device is a USB device.
15. (Currently Amended) The digital attendant of claim 13 ~~where~~ wherein the external device is a facsimile device.

16. (Currently Amended) The digital attendant of claim 13 ~~where~~ wherein the external device is a video input device.
17. (Currently Amended) The digital attendant of claim 13 ~~where~~ wherein the external device is a video output device.
18. (New) The digital attendant of claim 1 wherein the at least one netphone is configured to schedule a reminder.
19. (New) The digital attendant of claim 1 wherein the at least one netphone is configured to park a call.
20. (New) The digital attendant of claim 19 wherein the at least one netphone is configured to pickup the parked call.
21. (New) The digital attendant of claim 19 wherein the call is parked at the digital attendant.
22. (New) The digital attendant of claim 21 wherein the at least one netphone is configured to pickup the parked call from the digital attendant.